

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A front structure for a motor vehicle, the structure comprising:

at least one bumper cross-member,
a grille,

wherein the structure is made integrally in one piece out of plastics material, and
wherein the structure is configured for receiving a shielding skin, said shielding skin being made separately from said structure and permanently covering the structure at least partially.

2. (previously amended) A structure according to claim 1, including a third portion beneath the grille.

3. (original) A structure according to claim 1, wherein the grille is an anti-chipping grille.

4. (previously amended) A structure according to claim 1, wherein the bumper cross-member includes shock absorbers integrated therein.

5. (previously amended) A structure according to claim 2, wherein the third portion is configured to form an under-engine protection.

6. (previously amended) A structure according to claim 2, wherein the third portion comprises a converging portion for guiding the flow of air passing beneath the vehicle.

7. (previously amended) A structure according to claim 2, wherein said bumper cross-member and said third portion project from the front of the vehicle and have front ends which are situated substantially in a same plane.

8. (previously amended) A structure according to claim 1, wherein the shielding skin covers the structure in full, and performing an appearance function only, with any force in the event of an impact being fully absorbed by the structure.

9. (previously added) A structure according to claim 4, wherein the shock absorbers comprise egg-shaped bulges.

10. (previously added) A structure according to claim 4, wherein the shock absorbers comprise a honeycomb.

11. (currently amended) A front structure for a motor vehicle, said structure being made integrally in one piece out of plastics material and comprising:

at least one bumper cross-member having a U-shaped cross-section with a top face,

a plurality of reinforcing ribs on said top face extending parallel to the direction of compression in the event of a front impact, and
a grille.

12. (currently amended) A front structure for a motor vehicle, said structure being made integrally in one piece out of plastics material and comprising:

at least one bumper cross-member comprising a front wall having a plurality of shock absorbers having egg-shaped bulges, and
a grille.

13. (currently amended) A front structure for a motor vehicle, said structure being made integrally in one piece out of plastics material and comprising:

at least one bumper cross-member,
a grille, and

a ~~third~~ projecting portion situated in a lowermost part of the structure,
said bumper cross-member and said ~~third~~ portion projecting from the front of the vehicle
and having front ends which are situated ~~substantially~~ in a ~~same~~ common substantially
vertical plane.

14. (re-presented - formerly dependent claim 9) A front structure for a motor vehicle, the structure comprising:

- at least one bumper cross-member comprising egg-shaped bulges integrated therein,
- a grille,

wherein the structure is made integrally in one piece out of plastics material, and
wherein the structure is configured for receiving a separate shielding skin, said
shielding skin not being made integrally with said structure and covering at least
portions of the structure.

15. (re-presented – formerly dependent claim 10.) A front structure for a motor vehicle, the structure comprising:

- at least one bumper cross-member comprising a honeycomb integrated therein,
- a grille,

wherein the structure is made integrally in one piece out of plastics material, and
wherein the structure is configured for receiving a separate shielding skin, said
shielding skin being not made integrally with said structure and covering at least
portions of the structure.